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Applicant : Richard F. Graveman  
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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 3, 2003, wherein restriction was required between a group I of claims 1-16 and 60-65 and a group II of claims 17-59. Applicant hereby elects for prosecution in this application claims belonging to group II.

However applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the grouping of the claims. The Examiner defined the claims as belonging in group II as claims drawn to "a method performed by a cryptography device, classified in Class 713, subclass 168." Applicant desires to point out to the Examiner that claims 60 to 65 are, as stated in the single independent claim 60, directed to "A method performed by a cryptography device" and therefore should properly be included in the group II claims.

Accordingly, applicant requests examination herein of all of the group II claims, namely claims 17-65.

A petition for a two month extension of time is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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